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A PRAYER FOR CONGRESS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURES.

Most Gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for the people of these United States in general, so, especially for their Senate and Representatives in Congress and the State Legislatures; that Thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honor and welfare of Thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundation; that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. These, and all other necessaries for them, for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

MONUMENTAL CATHEDRAL.

It is proposed to the people of the Southern States that they erect a monumental Cathedral, grand in its proportions; adorned with sculpture, and breathing in its solemn architecture, the spirit of pride and sorrow which characterize our native land. An edifice somewhat in the style of Westminister Abbey, with oratories, halls, screens, catacombs, niches for statuary, embrazed pavements, and marble tablets on which the names of our heroic dead may be written.

Memphis has been chosen as a fit locality, because central, accessible, and rendered very prominent by the laws of nature and commerce.

The following building Committee, each of whom are known throughout the South, has been elected: Hon. ARCHIBALD WRIGHT, R. C. BRINKLEY, Esq., SAM'L. P. WALKER, Esq., D. M. LEATHERMAN, Esq., THOMAS H. ALLEN, Esq., Treasurer, and HENRY HAMPTON, Secretary.

VOICE OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Should it be deemed by the building committee, expedient to deviate from the general plan of the edifice announced above, all subscribers will be duly notified to meet either in person or by proxy, at some accessible place, to determine by vote (each subscription of $25 counting one vote) the expediency of such deviation, and the action of the majority of all who vote will be acquiesced in by the whole body of subscribers.

FORM OF RELIGION.

The Cathedral will be dedicated to the glory of God, according to the ritual of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

PASTOR.

The Cathedral will be the Diocesan Church of the Bishop of Tennessee, under the superintendence of the Rector of St. Lazarus Church *only until finished.*

SPIRIT OF THE ENTERPRISE IN ITS POLITICAL ASPECT.

The Church of Christ having been cursed by political preachers, in many places, and houses desecrated by the angry spirit of the world, which were reared by their pious founders, to promote a religion which proclaims "peace on earth, good will towards men," the projectors of St. Lazarus' Cathedral, while they weep over their heroic dead, and desolated country, accept in good faith, the "new order of things," and would see the whole nation from Mexico to Canada, united, prosperous and happy.

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Such being the designs and objects of the Monumental Cathedral, we, the undersigned, will pay to Thomas K. Allen, or order, the several amounts affixed to our names, annually, for four years from date, for the consideration of building said Cathedral, paying architects, workmen, agents, etc. September 9th, 1865.

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APPENDIX.

The following is extracted from the correspondence of Harpers' Weekly of Oct. 7th:

"The disposition of the people here is to make heroes of those who fought and fell in the rebel ranks. Only last Sabbath one Rev. —— ROGERS, Rector of the St. Lazarus Episcopal Church, delivered a discourse in 'honor of the Confederate dead.' This ROGERS proposes to build in Memphis a Cathedral which 'shall hand down to an admiring posterity, the names of the heroes who fell in a noble cause.' Three thousand five hundred dollars were pledged in two days for this cathedral.

"Does it not stand us in hand to teach these men what treason is, and the punishment due traitors?

"It is common talk among officers here that the war ended *too soon*. We expect to *fight it again*, if too lenient a policy is adopted by Congress in dealing with unrepentant and still proud and haughty rebels."

We render not railing for railing, but "contrary-wise—blessing," and will only add, by way of defence, the following:

SKETCH OF WESTMINISTER ABBEY.

Westminister Abbey, or the collegiate Church of Westminister, was founded by Sebert, King of the Saxons. The style throughout, except Henry VII's chapel, is early English, very rich, and rather "late" in style. "Poets' Corner," "The chapel of the Deans of the college," "St. Emanuel's," containing thirty monuments—"Henry VII's Chapel," "St. Paul's (in which is the great altar tomb to Lord Bourchier, standard-bearer to Henry V, who fell at the battle of Agincourt) "Chapel of Edward the Confessor," "St. Erasmus'" St. John, the Baptist," (containing a monument to Colonel Popham, one of Cromwell's officers at Sea, *but permitted to remain in the Abbey even after the Restoration*, and "Abbot Islep's Chapel." These nine make up all the chapels now in the Abbey, but the E aisle of the North transcept was divided once by screens, into the chapels of "St. John," "St. Michael" and "St. Andrew." Here are two of the finest monuments of the world. Four knights kneeling, and supporting on their shoulders a table, on which lie the several parts of a complete suit of armor; beneath, is the recumbent figure of Sir Francis Vere, the *great low country soldier* of Queen Elizabeth's reign. But nowhere does history

represent him as more worthy of honor than STONEWALL JACKSON, LEONIDAS POLK, ALBERT SYDNEY JOHNSTON, and many other officers and privates, who fell in our great civil war. In the choir, nave, north and south transcepts, are many monuments which illustrate how completely the grave covers all resentments and buries every feeling of political rancor. There you see the tomb of the great rivals, Fox and Pitt:

> "The mighty chiefs sleep side by side—
> Drop upon Fox's grave a tear,
> 'Twill trickle to his rival's bier."—*Sir Walter Scott.*

There you behold a monument to Maj. Andre, executed by the Americans as a spy in the year 1780, and on the bass relief a figure of General Washington. It is true, however, that minds of a certain order, are sometimes inclined to dishonor the heroic or gifted dead, long after political "issues" which may have rendered them odious have been forever settled; and a notable instance is suggested to every traveller as he pauses in the south transcept of Westminister before the monument to Phillips. When the inscription "*non Miltono secundus*" was presented to a testy and narrow-minded clergyman—Dr. Spratt, then dean of the Abbey; he said, "*the name of Milton was in his opinion too detestable to be read on the walls of a building dedicated to devotion.*" And even the head of Washington there, was thrice knocked off by miscreants, who, under cover of darkness, took *revenge upon the dead.* It is true that Washington rebelled against his government, and succeeded, while Milton was a rebel and—*failed!* But the great and gifted of all lands, in Westminister Abbey, sleep as quietly as though their bosoms had never heaved with ambition or pride, while the *truly good* of all nations pause before their monuments and render the homage of a sigh.

Dr. F. M. Hubbard
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